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RETIREMENT OF TROOPER RICHARD WEIGELT

Colonel Bryan Klipfel, superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol, announces the retirement of Trooper Richard Weigelt. Effective March 31, 2006, Trooper Richard Weigelt retired as a sworn officer from the North Dakota Highway Patrol after 25½ years of distinguished service.

Trooper Weigelt began his career with the Highway Patrol in October 1980 as capitol security officer at the State Capitol in Bismarck. In June 1981, he attended the Highway Patrol Academy. Upon graduation from the Academy, he was stationed in Linton where he served until his retirement.

In 1992, the Highway Patrol added its first canine unit to the force with Trooper Weigelt being assisted by Shadow, a 1½-year-old German shepherd. In March 2003, Shadow was retired for medical reasons and Trooper Weigelt was assigned a new partner, Rico, a Belgium Malinois. Rico will also retire at the same time as his handler.

Upon his retirement, Trooper Weigelt was awarded the North Dakota Highway Patrol Meritorious Service Medal for serving with merit and distinction.

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